

Information Regarding Contract Infant Formulas Provided by the Florida WIC Program

Following the February 2022 formula recall and subsequent formula shortage, Florida WIC was able to utilize waivers to expand formula options for clients who were assigned standard powder infant formula. The waivers that allowed the purchase of non-contract formulas without a medical request and the purchase of formulas in any size will expire late February 2023 and late April 2023, respectively.

Beginning February 24, 2023, the "Florida WIC Temporary Powder Formula Options" will no longer be in effect. Infants receiving standard powder formula will be changed to a WIC food package for "All SIZES Contract Powder Formula" which includes the option to purchase any of the following formulas:

- Enfamil Infant powder in 12.5, 21.1, and 29.4 oz. sizes
- Enfamil Gentlease powder in 12.4, 19.9, and 27.7 oz. sizes
- Enfamil Reguline powder in 12.4 and 19.5 oz. sizes
- Enfamil A.R. powder in 12.9, 19.5, 27.4, and 30.4 oz. sizes
- Similac Soy Isomil powder in 12.4 and 30.8 oz. sizes

Beginning April 27, 2023, only the 12.4 to 12.9 oz. sizes of contract powder formula listed above will be able to be purchased by WIC clients.

The contract concentrated liquid formula is not part of the "All SIZES Contract Powder Formula" food package. If a concentrated liquid formula is preferred, parents/caregivers must request one of the following:

- Enfamil Infant concentrated liquid in 13 fl. oz. size
- Similac Soy Isomil concentrated liquid in 13 fl. oz. size

A WIC parent or caregiver is encouraged to talk to their baby's health care provider when the baby is not tolerating a formula. A medical request is needed for WIC to consider providing a formula other than the contract formulas. Children 12 months and older also need a medical request in order to receive a formula from WIC. Not all requested formulas are available through the Florida WIC program. To make a medical request, the Florida WIC Medical Documentation for Formula and Food form is available at FLWIC.org under the Health Providers tab.

WIC supports the American Academy of Pediatrics' Statement on Breastfeeding and the Use of Human Milk. WIC encourages mothers to fully breastfeed their babies for about 6 months, followed by continued breastfeeding as complementary foods are introduced, with continuation of breastfeeding for 2 years or beyond as mutually desired by mother and child. Local WIC agency staff can assist WIC mothers with breastfeeding or make appropriate referrals.